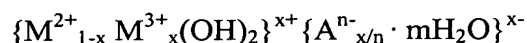


9. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive comprises one or more hydrotalcites expressed by the following general formula:



where M^{2+} represents bivalent metals including Mg^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} ;

M^{3+} represents trivalent metals including Al^{3+} , Fe^{3+} , Cr^{3+} , Co^{3+} and In^{3+} ;

A^{n-} represents n-valence anions including OH^- , F^- , Cl^- , NO_3^- , CO_3^{2-} , SO_4^{2-} , $Fe(CN)_6^{3-}$, CH_3COO^- , ion oxalate, and ion salicylate; and

$$X = 0 < x < 0.33.$$

10. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1 comprising a synthetic hydrotalcite expressed by the chemical formula of $Mg_6Al_2(OH)_{16}CO_3 \cdot 4H_2O$ or a pyroaurite expressed by the chemical formula of $Mg_6Fe_2(OH)_{16}CO_3 \cdot 4H_2O$.

11. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive comprises at least one cellulosic binder selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose and natural polymer.

12. (Unamended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of polyacrylic acid, sodium polyacrylate, polyacrylamide, and two or three copolymerized compounds thereof.

13. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive comprises a silane compound.

14. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, consisting of 5-aminotetrazole and guanidine nitrate, strontium nitrate, and silicon nitride and synthetic hydrotalcite.

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15. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, consisting of 5-aminotetrazole and guanidine nitrate, strontium nitrate and potassium nitrate, and silicon nitride and synthetic hydrotalcite.

Cancelled.
16. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, consisting of 5-aminotetrazole and guanidine nitrate, strontium nitrate and basic copper nitrate, and silicon nitride and synthetic hydrotalcite.

✓ Claims 17-19. (Cancelled)

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20. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, consisting of 5-aminotetrazole and guanidine nitrate, strontium nitrate and ammonium perchlorate, and polyacrylamide and a silane compound.

21. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, which comprises
10-30 weight% of 5-aminotetrazole,
5-30 weight% of guanidine nitrate,
30-70 weight% of strontium nitrate, and
0.5-10 weight% of silicon nitride and 2-10 weight% of synthetic hydrotalcite.

✓ Claims 22-23. (Cancelled)

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24. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, which comprises

10-30 weight% of 5-aminotetrazole,
5-30 weight% of guanidine nitrate,
10-50 weight% of strontium nitrate and
10-50 weight% of ammonium perchlorate, and
0.5-10 weight% of polyacrylamide and 0.5-10 weight% of silane compound.

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25. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, which further comprises not more than 10 weight% of potassium nitrate.

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26. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, which further comprises not more than 30 weight% of basic copper nitrate.

✓ 27. (Cancelled)

Add new Claims 28-40:

28. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive is a slag-forming agent.

29. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the additive is a binder.

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30. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the ratio of 5-aminotetrazole to guanidine nitrate ranges from 10:1 to 1:10.

31. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of 5-aminotetrazole to guanidine nitrate ranges from 3:1 to 1:3.

32. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the content of aminotetrazole and guanidine nitrate is 15-85% by weight.

33. (New) The composition of Claim 1 formed in press molding.

34. (New) The composition of Claim 1 formed in extrusion molding.

35. (New) A gas generant comprising the composition of Claim 1.

36. (New) An occupant restraint system comprising the composition of Claim 1.

37. (New) An airbag system comprising the composition of Claim 1.

38. (New) A method of generating gas comprising combusting the composition of Claim 1.

39. (New) A method for making the composition of Claim 1 comprising admixing 5-aminotetrazole, guanidine nitrate having a 50% average particle diameter of 40 μm or less, strontium nitrate, and an additive.

40. (New) The method of Claim 39 further comprising press-molding or extrusion molding of said composition.
